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Mandatory transfer plan riles up Philly firefighters

City officials want firefighters to move around city once every five years to enhance 'experience' Fire union calls it 'dangerous' Contract dispute still elephant in City Hall

Members of city firefighters union Local 22 packed City Council chambers Thursday to protest a new mass transfer policy slated to go into effect this January that would reassign up to 20 percent of firefighters annually, beginning with some of the department's longest-serving veterans.

"This plan is dangerous," Local 22 President Bill Gault said. "This plan hasn't been done anywhere in the country. This is taking the senior guys out of the spots where they know the local like the back of their hand."

A department-wide memo dated Nov. 1 from Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said the new policy will have each firefighter serve in a given assignment for an average of five years.

"The goal here is to develop a firefighting force that has a wide level of experience and skill," said Mayor Michael Nutter's press secretary Mark McDonald, who called Gault's statements "absurd." "The city is made up of many different areas with different kinds of buildings, different kinds of fire threat issues, and it's the belief of the administration that residents will be better served by a stronger firefighting force that has broad experience in different parts of the city."

But union officials argued that the transfers will accomplish the polar opposite.

"Injuries and response times will rise if this policy stands," Gault said. "The firefighters they intend to transfer are the ones who teach the young guys, the ones who know the unique features of the surrounding neighborhoods and the best routes to take to reach a fire site quickly and safely."

295 Firefighters to be transferred in 2013, including 156 who have been in the assignment for 10 years or more and 57 who have been in the same assignment since graduation

270 Firefighters who submitted transfer requests this calendar year that were not honored, according to Gault

10 Years is the average amount of time it takes for a firefighter to become familiar with his or her local, Gault said

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Transfer policy to be reviewed

Local 22 on Thursday found friends in City Council. Councilmen Mark Squilla, Bobby Henon, Jim Kenney, Brian O'Neill and David Oh introduced legislation to hold a hearing investigating the transfer policy. The resolution passed the council, and the hearing is set for Nov. 27.

Kenney recounted an e-mail he received from a firefighter in Engine 10, who in August lost Lt. Robert Neary and firefighter Daniel Sweeney in a partial building collapse during a Kensington warehouse blaze.

"One of the things he said to me that was very poignant was a number of people in that company were responsible for digging out the two fallen firefighters and those that survived and they're still healing and they're trying to get their heads and hearts back together after that loss," Kenney said. "And two of those firefighters in that company are scheduled to be transferred away from their families, away from their communities and to me, that's just coldhearted."

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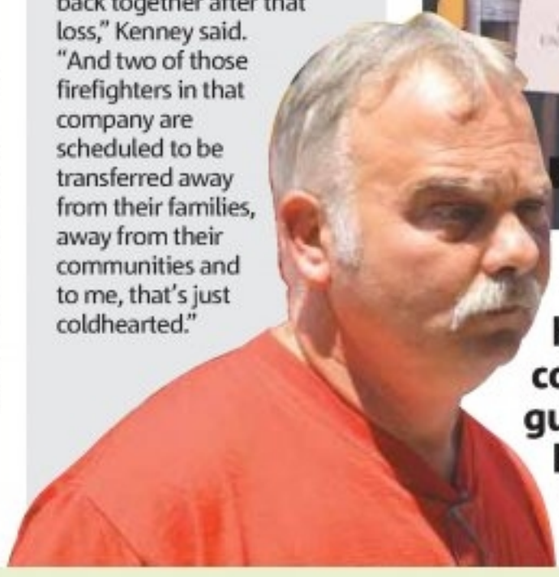
▶ Firefighters protested inside council chambers.



"This plan is dangerous. This plan hasn't been done anywhere in the country. This is taking the senior guys out of the spots where they know the local like the back of their hand." LOCAL 22 PRESIDENT BILL GAULT

In the news

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Price of a nine-course dinner Center City restaurant Le Castagne is offering starting Monday as part of its "Truffle Week" celebrating the expensive mushroom. Aside from dishes like guanciale with a black truffle demi-glace and white truffle ricotta mousse, the package includes a Panerai Luminor Titanio wristwatch and a one-on-one cooking class with Chef Michael DeLone. METRO

In the news

"I didn't cave in to anyone. ... The only pressure I received was pressure to not charge him."

SETH WILLIAMS, PHILADELPHIA DA, IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST CITY OFFICER JONATHAN JOSEY, IN RESPONSE TO CLAIMS HE WAS PRESSURED POLITICALLY

News in brief

PSU should loosen 'control' of its president

Pennsylvania's elected fiscal watchdog is calling for sweeping changes in the way Penn State University governs itself following the child sexual abuse conviction of former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky.

The university should strip the president of some powers, shrink the school's board of trustees, and make the school more transparent to the public, Auditor General Jack Wagner said on Wednesday in a report offering nonbinding recommendations. The university's image was tarnished by the Sandusky scandal and criminal charges of cover-up by Penn State leaders, including former President Graham Spanier.

"By its very design, the structure of Penn State's governance vests too much control and power in the position of university president, no matter who held that position in the past or who holds it now," Wagner, a Democrat, said in his report. REUTERS

Digital billboard would double as fundraiser

CITY COUNCIL. In keeping with City Council's promise to this year mine the private sector for education dollars before budget negotiations begin, Councilman Mark Squilla on Thursday introduced legislation providing for a large digital billboard to be installed at 7th and Callowhill streets. Proceeds would help fund educational programs.

About $300,000 in billboard revenue would be donated to three neighborhood schools. Each would be selected by a board after undergoing an application process. METRO/AW

Child care gets easier though new city law

CITY HALL. City Council on Thursday approved legislation by Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown that would make it easier to operate a child care center in residential areas.

While such a use now requires a zoning variance, which is only granted if the petitioner proves there is no other feasible use for the property, Reynolds Brown's legislation allows the Zoning Board to grant a special exception if neighbors demonstrate support.

"Childcare for up to 12 children is an appropriate residential use as long as there is strong community support," she said. "We cannot expect working families and child care providers to jump through the significant hoops presented by our zoning code." METRO/AW

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Holidays. Shopping

▶ This marks the second consecutive year the market has been located in LOVE Park due to construction at Dilworth Plaza outside City Hall.

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Famous (infamous?) village returns

The wooden booths have been set up again in LOVE Park for Christmas Village. The annual outdoor market will be open from Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve, featuring more than 60 vendors in more than 90 booths selling traditional European food, sweets, drinks, jewelry and other arts and crafts. The village is patterned after traditional Christmas markets in Germany.

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Who's playing in game for second city casino?

Thursday marked the deadline for groups to apply for Philadelphia's second casino license.

At least six entities were expected to submit their applications to the state Gaming Control Board. Gaming officials would not disclose the number of applicants or who those applicants were as of Thursday afternoon.

Congressman Bob Brady, D-Philadelphia, is proposing a city-owned casino, although the plans would not be ready until next year. Yet gaming officials said they did not plan to extend the deadline.

The gaming board is expected to take nine to 12 months before making a final decision.

Here is a rundown of the six groups expected to apply, based on information submitted to the city.

▶ Developer Bart Blatstein of Tower Investments is pitching a $700 million resort and casino complex on North Broad Street at the site of the former Inquirer/Daily News building. Hard Rock International would serve as operator.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Competition coming?

▶ Stadium Casino, a partnership between the owner of Parx Casino and The Cordish Co., has plans for a casino and boutique hotel at the site of the Holiday Inn on Packer Avenue in South Philadelphia.

▶ Steve Wynn, head of Wynn Resorts, has proposed a casino and hotel complex on a large riverfront site on North Beach Street in Fishtown. The hotel would reportedly resemble Wynn's Encore hotel in the Chinese town of Macau.

▶ A group called Market East Associates wants to build a casino at Eighth and Market streets on Market East. No further details have been made public about the project.

▶ A group called North Broad Street Partners has proposed a site near the Vine Street Expressway at 15th and Race streets.

▶ Penn National Gaming, which owns several gaming and racing venues across the country, including one just north of Harrisburg, wants to build a facility on Packer Avenue in South Philadelphia.

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Prisoners, doggies get a 'leash on life'

Even for a Philadelphia shelter dog, Vivian was in bad shape earlier this year. A suspected "bait dog," she was afraid of humans, battered and unlikely to make it out of the kennels at the Animal Care and Control Team of Philadelphia. She was, however, exactly the dog Marian Marchese was looking for that day.

"I will never forget Vivian," says Marchese. "When I saw her at the shelter, she was so pathetic it broke my heart. If you just looked at her, she would curl up in a ball."

Marchese is the founder of New Leash on Life, a program that places at-risk shelter dogs in prisons, where inmates train, socialize and groom them, learning job skills in the process. Like the 40 other dogs that have gone through the program, Vivian quickly forgot about her past once she traded her chaotic shelter cage for the welcoming cellblock. "They're in a safe place and I think they sense that," says Marchese. "They have a routine — it's a very strict routine, it's a prison — and dogs love that. And they're just showered with attention and affection."

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▶ We present you, Vivian!

This weekend, Vivian will be honored as one of the Purina Therapy Dog Ambassadors at the National Dog Show. Since graduating from New Leash on Life, she has been working with her new owner, PennVet grief counselor Michele Pich, to comfort those who have lost pets.

"It's incredible how resilient dogs are," says Marchese. "To go from hell to assuming and believing that people will love and pet you from now on is just amazing."

Volunteer?

▶ New Leash on Life is always looking for volunteers and fosters. For opportunities, visit **www.newleashonlife-usa.org**.

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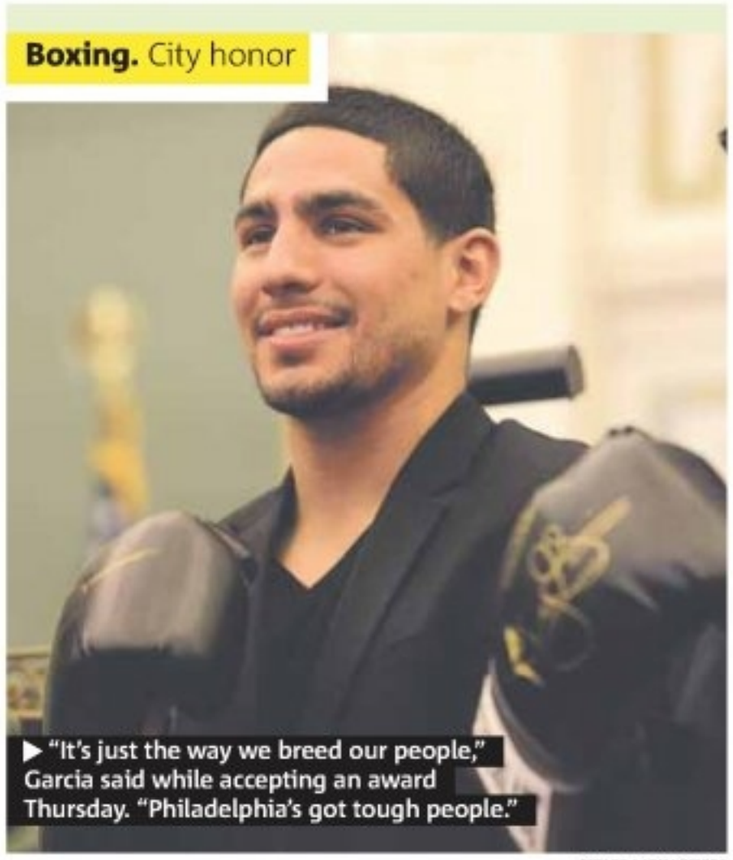
Boxing. City honor



▶ "It's just the way we breed our people," Garcia said while accepting an award Thursday. "Philadelphia's got tough people."

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Our new boxing hero honored

City Council honored World Light Welterweight champion and Juniata native Danny "Swift" Garcia. "He is a representative of Philadelphia and an ambassador throughout the world," Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez said. Garcia defended his title last month. METRO/AW

Slump in work hits Philly, NJ region

PENNSYLVANIA. Factory activity in the U.S. mid-Atlantic region unexpectedly shrank in November because of disruption from superstorm Sandy, which slammed the U.S. Northeast in late October, a survey said on Thursday.

The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank said its business activity index slumped to -10.7 from 5.7 the month before. The fall was much steeper than economists' expectations for a slip to 2.0, according to a Reuters poll. Any reading below zero indicates contraction in the region's manufacturing. The survey covers factories in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. REUTERS

7,766 Increase in Pennsylvania jobless claims, the largest of nine states that reported increases of more than 1,000 for the first week in November

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The settlement includes a $1.256 billion criminal fine, the largest such levy in U.S. history, the oil company said on Thursday. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder called the deal a "critical step forward" but was adamant that it did not end the government's criminal investigation of the spill.

The government also indicted the two highest-ranking BP supervisors aboard the Deepwater Horizon during the disaster, charging them with 23 criminal counts, including manslaughter. **REUTERS**

Panel starts Benghazi hearings

U.S. intelligence and State Department officials testified behind closed doors on Capitol Hill on Thursday about the attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, that has turned into a contentious issue between Republicans and the administration of President Barack Obama.

Former CIA Director David Petraeus, before his resignation last week over an extramarital affair, had initially been scheduled to testify at Thursday's closed Senate and House of Representatives intelligence committee hearings, but will now be a solo witness before those panels on Friday morning. Republicans have accused the Obama administration of misinformation in the early days following the attack. **REUTERS**

Opinion

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POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR CNN

RUSHING TO THE FISCAL CLIFF EDGE

As best I can make out from the Mexico Tourism Board, cliff-diving is a highly risky pseudo-sport (like what you find on ESPN3 at two in the morning) in which the difference between the very best divers and the very worst is a few critical, and potentially fatal, feet. It is not for the faint-hearted or those with bad depth perception. These are a few reasons you rarely see cliff-divers wearing glasses — or the guy who finishes second at the next tournament.

Yet oddly, our friends in Congress seem hell-bent on bringing this questionable battle with the laws of physics to Capitol Hill Oh sure, the fiscal cliff is a metaphor, but they are racing toward it with the boundless enthusiasm of the deranged. As the deadline looms for taxes to go suddenly up, and spending to come dramatically down, Dems and Repubs alike acknowledge that the result might be a skull-splitting smash into the economic rocks that could leave us longing for the good old days of a merely severe recession. In addition, most insist they will do whatever it takes to avoid plunging into the abyss.

Quoted

The fiscal cliff is a metaphor, but they are racing toward it with the boundless enthusiasm of the deranged.

But they can't resist walking up the edge and daring each other to jump, like overgrown teenagers in striped ties and Men's Warehouse suits. Ostensibly, they are just trying to finagle a better deal for their constituents. The Dems wants higher taxes on the rich. The Repubs don't. There are a lot of finer points, but that is the first battle line.

So each side is charging forward with thinking that goes something like this: We're going to show the opposition that we are so committed to our goals that we are willing to go right over the edge if we have to!

Probably, possibly, hopefully they'll all come to their senses and make some kind of arrangement before time runs out. But for now, without even the threat of an upcoming election to wave over their heads, all voters can do is hold on tight … and prepare to dive.

*– CNN's **Tom Foreman** is a regular on "AC360°"/www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room."*

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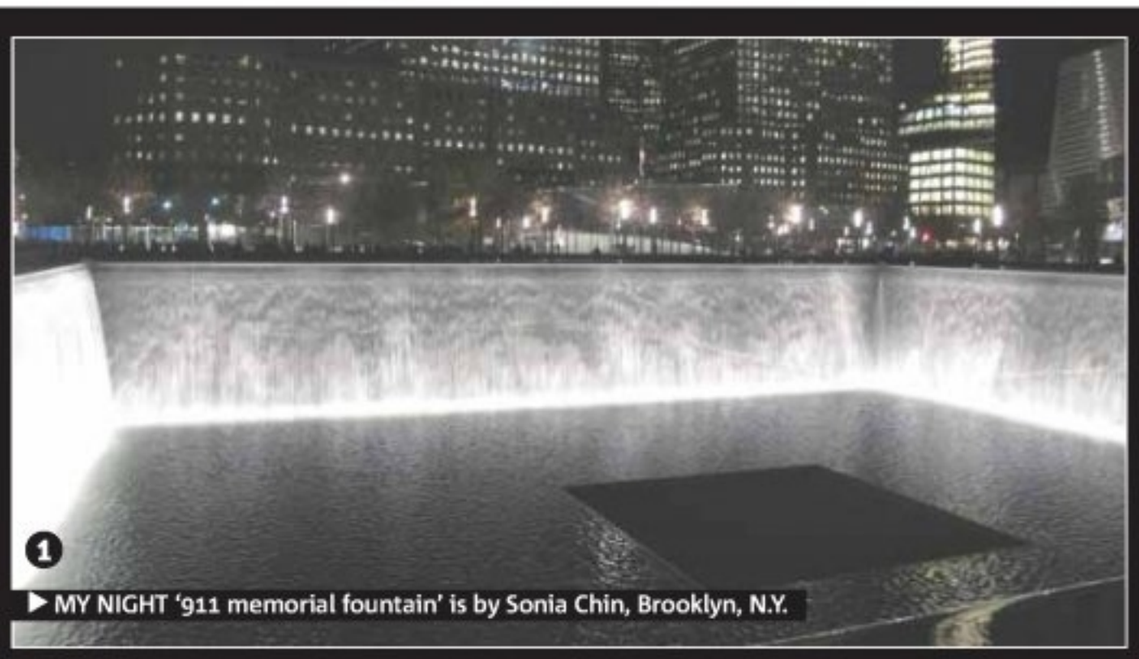

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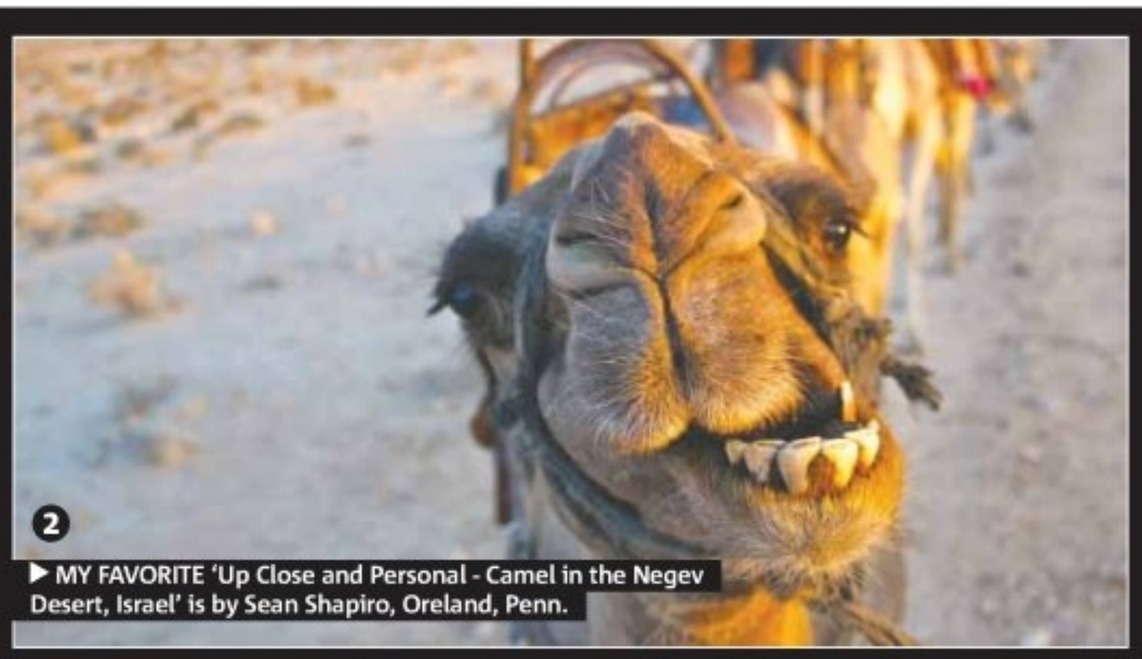
▶ MY NIGHT '911 memorial fountain' is by Sonia Chin, Brooklyn, N.Y.



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▶ MY FAVORITE 'Up Close and Personal - Camel in the Negev Desert, Israel' is by Sean Shapiro, Oreland, Penn.

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▶ MY TEMPTATION 'Sonho vermelho' is by Carolina Bueno.

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▶ MY COUNTRY'S BEST 'Resilience of New York City - Aftermath of Hurricane Sandy' is by Sean Shapiro, Oreland, Penn.

Today, Metro publishes the U.S. winners in our global photo challenge competition.

The event attracted thousands of entries from photographers across the United States, and, based on reader input, above are the winning entries.

The four winners now go forward to a global final in their category. The ultimate winners — each of whom will win an all-expenses-paid trip to the Greenland Photo Exhibition in April 2013 — will be announced Nov. 30.

One entrant, Sean Shapiro of Pennsylvania, ended up winning two categories. The other winners were Sonia Chin of Brooklyn and Carolina Bueno.

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Between now and Christmas, our charity partners will take toys from Metro's offices to needy families across our cities.

Many of the toys will make their way to families staying in shelters from domestic violence.

Others will be given to children whose parents are having a rough time of it this year.

We've put together a festive wish list on the Toys R Us website.

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First Person StorySlams

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- **Dec. 10:** Family Ties (8:30 p.m., World Cafe Live)
- **Dec. 14:** Home for the Holidays (7 p.m., the Art Museum)
- **Dec. 18:** Gifts and Giving (8:30 p.m., L'Etage) METRO

Holidays take center stage

This December there are stockings full of holiday shows on local stages Here are five very merry options, none of which include 'A Christmas Carol'

1812 Productions: 'Dave & Aaron Go to Work'
Nov. 29-Dec. 31
Plays and Players Theatre
www.1812productions.org
Continuing their annual period-specific holiday show, 1812 has enlisted veteran locals Dave Jadico and Aaron Cromie to create a 1920s-inspired slapstick buddy comedy.

People's Light & Theatre Company: 'This Wonderful Life'
Nov. 29-Dec. 23
Steinbright Stage
www.peopleslight.org
Atlanta playwright Steve Murray has a good thing going with "This Wonderful Life," a feel-good hit holiday show that requires just one actor. During the past few years, artistic directors all over the country have found that combo irresistible. In a clever setup, an impassioned fan of "It's a Wonderful Life" retells the entire plot, playing more than 30 characters along the way.

11th Hour Theatre Co.: 'The Winter Wonderettes'
Dec. 7-30, Theatre Horizon
www.11thhourtheatre company.org
This sequel to the kitschy hit "The Marvelous Wonderettes" features the same characters: four unpolished but pitch-perfect amateur singers. This time we find them crooning in their local hardware store, but nevermind the plot: This is simply an excuse to enjoy holiday hits from the '50s and '60s.

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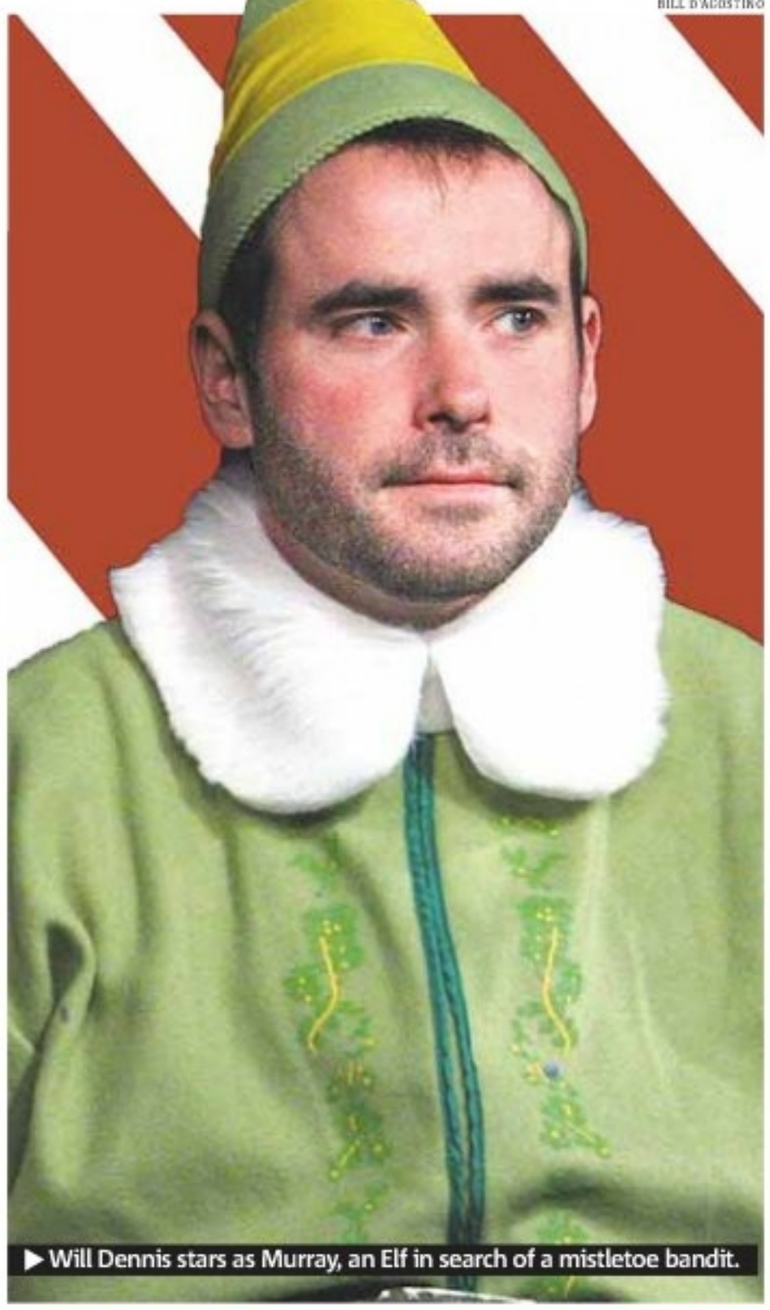
Must-see

Act II Playhouse: 'Oh, What Fun' and 'Murray the Elf and the Case of the Missing Mistletoe'
Dec. 11-30
Act II Playhouse
www.act2playhouse.org
This year, Act II has Christmas covered for young and old alike. By day, local playwright Bill D'Agostino debuts his latest play for children: Murray is a sprite detective, investigating a petty theft at the North Pole. By night, Act II favorite and local comedy legend Tony Braithwaite stars in "Oh What Fun," yet another of his one-man variety shows — this time, with holiday flair sprinkled atop.

BILL D'AGOSTINO



▶ Will Dennis stars as Murray, an Elf in search of a mistletoe bandit.

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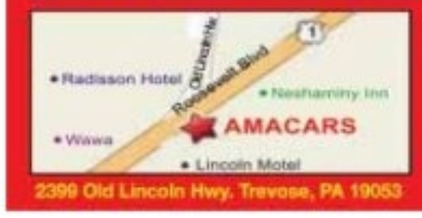

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CELESTE GIULIANO

Pinups and puppies: A Philadelphia love story

The Pinups for Pitbulls 2013 calendar takes its cues from iconic Norman Rockwell paintings Pick it up Sunday at the burlesque release party

Once an odd couple novelty, pinup girls and pit bulls have become something of a classic combo in Philadelphia. That's thanks to Deirdre Franklin — also known as Little Darling on the burlesque circuit — who in 2005 founded Pinups for Pitbulls, a rescue and advocacy organization that combines the power of fishnets and big puppy eyes to educate the public about the stigmatized breed.

This weekend, the ladies are releasing their 2013 calendar at a fundraiser at the Trocadero. And while it's always a hot seller for the obvious reasons (see Miss December, at left), this year's calendar is extra special: Shot by Philly pinup photographer Celeste Giuliano, it borrows its imagery from Norman Rockwell paintings, underscoring pit bulls' roles as classic, loyal family dogs throughout history.

If you go

Pinup Peepshow
Sunday, 8 p.m.
$16-$18, The Trocadero
www.pinupsforpitbulls.org

"If a dog could do a certain trick, we'd work with that. It was a lot of people, a lot of squeaky toys, a lot of whistling, a lot of shots."
GIULIANO, ON THE SHOOT

"I was really happy about the relationship that we were able to show," says Giuliano of the calendar, which includes scenes of sneaking cookies at the diner, cheering on the home team and baking cupcakes — all in heels, naturally. "I loved the idea of showing the human-canine bond, how the dog is part of your family, how you do everyday things with your dog. And Rockwell is such an iconic storyteller."

Sunday's retro release party will include burlesque performances, live music by Drew Nugent and the Midnight Society, cigarette girls courtesy of Bettie Page Clothing and the inaugural Miss Pinup Philadelphia Pageant. Although style is an important part of the pageant, judges will be looking for more than bouncy curls and bright red lips — like the calendar models, who are all animal advocates, Miss Pinup Philadelphia will need to have a little something extra.

"We're really looking for someone who has a great personality and emulates a classic pinup," says Giuliano. "The personality and the way they carry themselves are as important as that great style."

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The After Hours Trio + One is a Philadelphia-based jazz quartet with a distinctive sound. Najwa Parkins sings, while Luke Brandon (trumpet), Dan Hanrahan (guitar), and Justin Sekelewski (bass) play arrangements of jazz standards and original compositions.

11/23: BLACK FRIDAY UNTIL MIDNIGHT
The Barnes will be open late with live music, film screenings, wine tastings, and more. Music by The Robin Work Ensemble, followed by DJ Adrian Hardy. More information at www.barnesfoundation.org/events/blackfriday.

11/30: POWER OF TEN
Power of Ten, Philadelphia's concert jazz ensemble, performs music that ranges from remixes of the Beatles and Carole King to new renditions of classical music and original mainstream jazz.

Friday Night admission tickets are available onsite for $10; free for members.
Does not include Collection Gallery admission. For a list of other upcoming events, please visit www.barnesfoundation.org/events.

A new play by Norman Shabel

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Big fun for little ones

It's the time of year to bring the whole family along. Here are some kid-friendly picks that you will probably enjoy just as much as they will.

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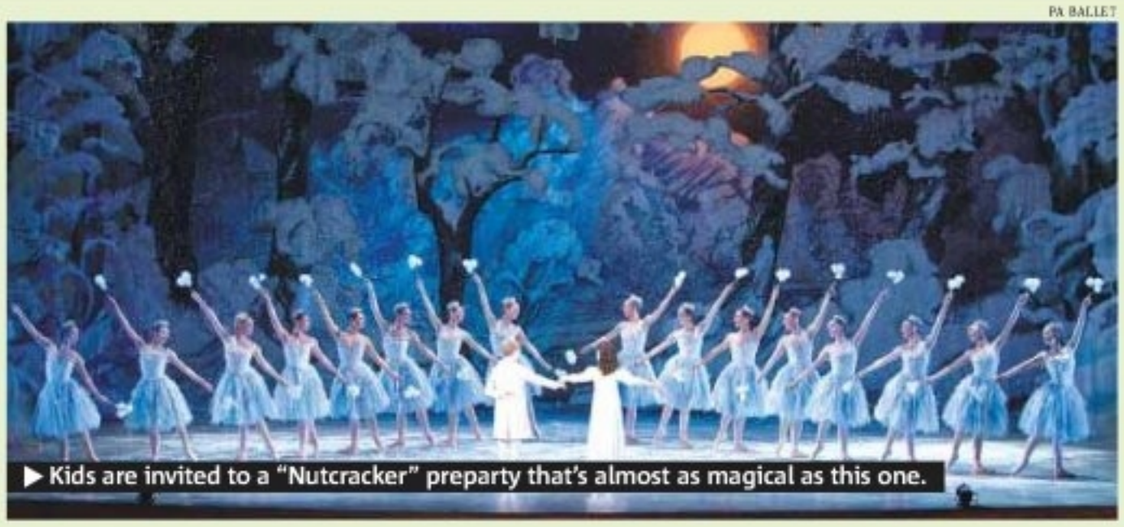

▶ Kids are invited to a "Nutcracker" preparty that's almost as magical as this one.

'Cinderella'

Arden Theatre
Nov. 28-Jan. 27
www.ardentheatre.org
You already know the story, but you haven't seen it quite like this. Now in its 15th year, Arden Children's Theatre is performing their adaption of the classic tale and backing it with some of Mozart's most powerful pieces. Stick around after the show for a special question and answer session, where the kids are encouraged to speak with the cast.

'Nutcracker Magic Children's Show'

The Academy of Music
Dec. 8
www.paballet.org
This is a chance to let the kids really engage with the beloved holiday favorite. Tickets get you admission to the Pennsylvania Ballet's iconic show as well as the children's preparty, where little ones will have lunch, play games, meet the show's cast and create a card for a patient at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Also on our wish list: Tea with the Sugarplum Fairy before the Dec. 9 and 22 shows.

Countdown to Noon party

Please Touch Museum
Dec. 31
www.pleasetouchmuseum.org
New Year's Eve is pretty much a grown-ups only party, but youngsters don't have to be left out at the Please Touch Museum. Bring them downtown and let them ring in the New Year at an hour that is more kid-friendly. With so much excitement, they'll be sleepy little angels for the babysitter later that night.

Gingerbread house decorating

Wayne Art Center
Dec. 8
www.wayneart.org
Maybe you've thought about making a gingerbread house with your kids. And maybe you reconsidered after thinking about the cleanup, not to mention the logistics of successfully assembling a graham cracker building. Round up the rascals and let them go nuts at the Wayne Art Center, where a perfectly constructed house is waiting to be adorned with gumdrops and pretzel sticks.

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Asian Arts Initiative picks

Their December is hopping with exhibits, tours and guest artists. Here are three things you don't want to miss:

Artists Exchange

Ten years ago, the Asian Arts Initiative launched the Artists Exchange to support Asian-American solo artists and encourage collaboration. This year, they're hosting a two-day showcase (Dec. 6 and 7) of work by emerging performers, including spoken word artist Kelly Tsai and filmmaker Anula Shetty.

VAN Exhibition

Opening Dec. 13, this group exhibition along with the Visual Artists Network explores the theme of community engagement among local and national Asian-American artists. Included is the work of Philadelphians Benjamin Volta and Colette Fu.

BETO SEPULVEDA

▶ Kelly Tsai is part of the Artists Exchange. For tickets, visit www.asianartsinitiative.org.

Chinatown North Arts Crawl

According to AAI executive director Gayle Isa, this is a can't-miss event to dig out the hand warmers for. On Dec. 14, this evening culture crawl will kick off at AAI's headquarters on Vine Street, then wind its way through the diverse neighborhood with stops at galleries and venues including Space 1026, Vox Populi, Tiger Strikes Asteroid and the Fabric Workshop and Museum, among others. Things wrap up with a performance showcase at Underground Arts. Isa calls the night "a first of its kind in our neighborhood, highlighting the unique spaces in Chinatown North as an emerging arts community, and hopefully illustrating and adding to the diversity of cultural life in our city." Consider us sold.

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What lies beneath

Based on a true story, Theatre Exile's 'The English Bride' digs for the truth after a bombing attempt

It's a director's job to keep audiences on the edges of their seats once they bring a script to the stage. It's rare that a play manages to affect a director in the same way while still on the page, but that's precisely what happened when Deborah Block picked up Lucile Lichtblau's "The English Bride."

"I was riveted," Block recalls. "I was curled up, wanting to know what happened next. Who's telling the truth? Who's lying? I was genuinely engaged in this script on a personal and real way."

Block hopes to recreate that nail-biting suspense as Theatre Exile presents the world premiere of "The English Bride." The play is loosely based on a true story about a bombing attempt on an El Al airlines flight out of London and ties in both the personal and the political motivations within the tense confines of an interrogation room. "The political and personal stories are perfect parallels," Block says. "We are so driven by a strong need for outside forces to define us. On that human level, this is very much an Exile piece — where we shine a light on the part of the human condition which is a little embarrassing or where we lie to ourselves."

If you go

'The English Bride'
Through Dec. 2
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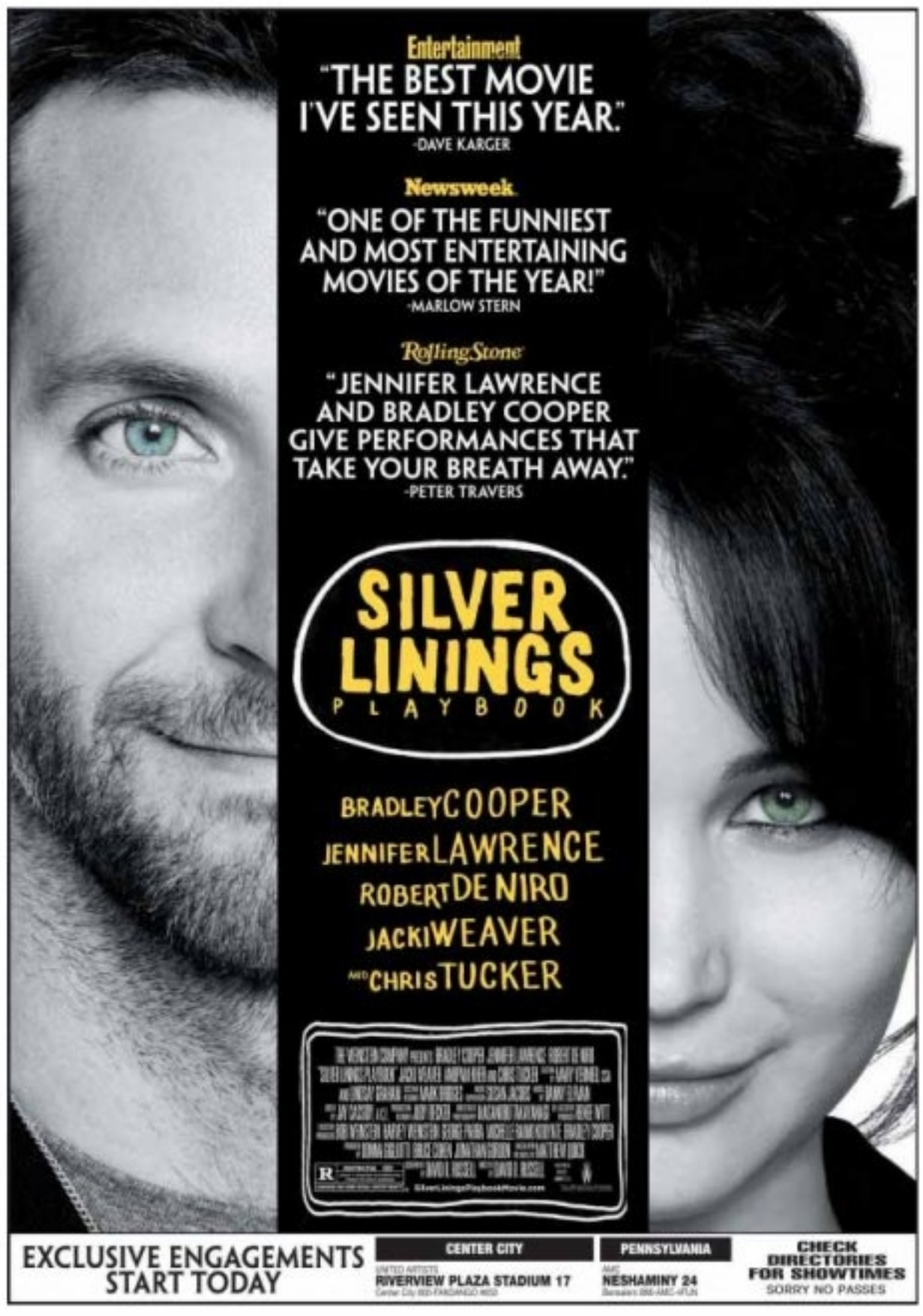

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'Sofia the First: Once Upon a Princess'

KIDS. Disney unleashes yet another princess upon your impressionable daughters. Is it asking too much for "Sofia the First: Once Upon a U.S. President?" **Sunday, 7 p.m., Disney Channel**

American Music Awards

SPECIAL. The AMAs celebrate 40 years of honoring music's Top 40 hit-makers. Taylor Swift and One Direction are slated to perform at the live show, while Rihanna and Nicki Minaj lead nominations. Look out for the Awards' first-ever winner in the Electronic Dance Music category, to be selected from nominees David Guetta, Calvin, Harris and Skrillex. **Sunday, 8 p.m., ABC**

Christmas movies

Like the holiday decorations at [enter the name of your favorite store here], the deluge of mushy Christmas movies starts early this year — and to be honest, they're hard to resist. Marilu Henner and Harry Hamlin star in the sappy **"Holiday High School Reunion"** about — you guessed it — a high school reunion taking place over the holidays **(Saturday, 8 p.m., Lifetime)**. Meanwhile, Hallmark Channel packs two new feel-good films into this weekend: **"Matchmaker Santa"** follows a Kris Kringle who plays Cupid to a baker unsure in her love life **(Saturday, 8 p.m., Hallmark Channel)** and **"It's Christmas, Carol!"** is an update on the Charles Dickens classic featuring a Scrooge-y book publisher visited by her former boss, played by Carrie Fisher **(Sunday, 8 p.m., Hallmark Channel)**.

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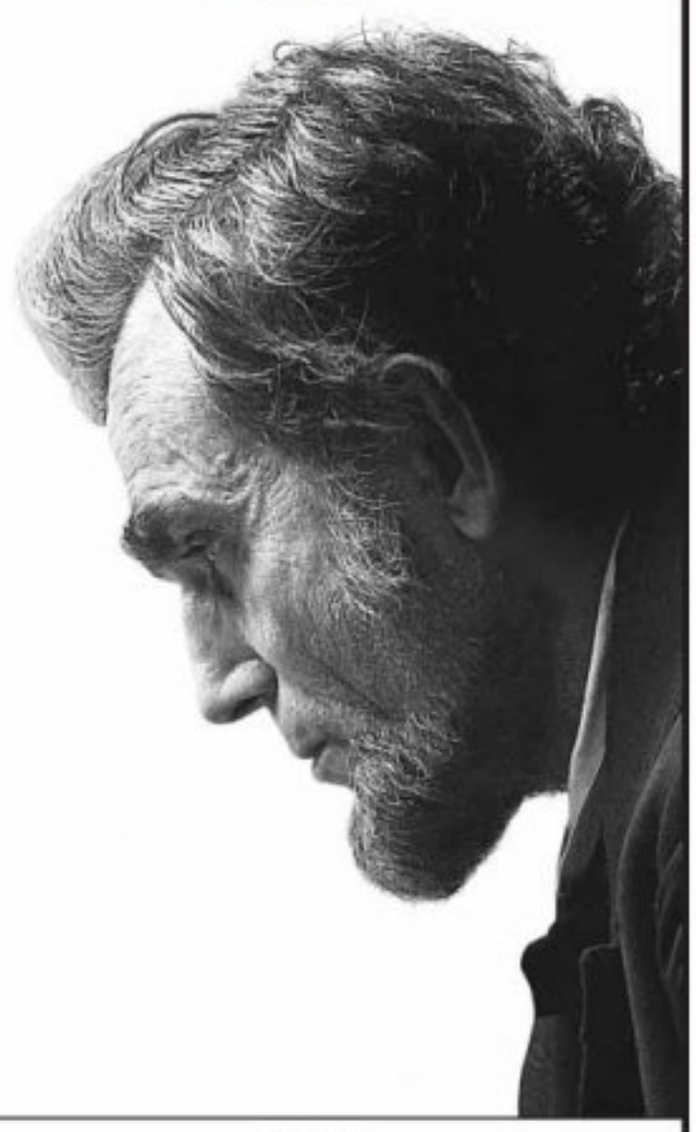

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CLOUD ATLAS (R) 2:05, 8:40. Digital Presentation
FLIGHT (R) Fri and Sat 10:15, 12:00, 1:35, 3:05, 5:00, 6:15, 8:30, 9:20, 11:55, 12:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15-12:00-1:35-3:05-5:00-6:15-8:30-9:20. Digital Presentation
HERE COMES THE BOOM (PG) 10:30, 4:15, 10:15. Digital Presentation
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (PG) 11:00, 3:50. Digital Presentation
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3D (PG) 1:25. RealD 3D
LINCOLN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:15, 11:20, 1:45, 2:40, 5:15, 6:05, 8:45, 9:35, 12:01. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15-11:20-1:45-2:40-5:15-6:05-8:45-9:35. Digital Presentation
THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (R) 10:10, 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35. Digital Presentation
THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER (PG-13) 1:30, 6:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
PITCH PERFECT (PG-13) 11:10, 5:50. Digital Presentation
THE SESSIONS (R) Fri and Sat 11:05, 1:50, 4:15, 7:10, 9:40, 12:05. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:05-1:50-4:15-7:10-9:40. Digital Presentation
SILENT HILL: REVELATION 3D (R) Fri and Sat 6:10, 8:35, 11:05. RealD 3D; Sun 6:10-8:35. RealD 3D
SINISTER (R) Fri and Sat 1:45, 7:05, 12:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 1:45-7:05. Digital Presentation
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:45, 10:10, 12:15, 1:15, 1:55, 3:45, 4:45, 5:05, 7:15, 8:15, 8:55, 10:45, 11:45, 12:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:45-10:10-12:15-1:15-1:55-3:45-4:45-5:05-7:15-8:15-8:55-10:35. Digital Presentation
SKYFALL: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 11:15, 2:45, 6:15, 9:45. Digital Presentation;IMAX
TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 11:15, 1:35, 4:10, 6:55, 9:20. Digital Presentation
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00. Digital Presentation; Fri and Sat 11:30-12:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:30-10:00-10:30-11:00-11:30-12:30-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:30-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:00-5:30-6:30-7:00-7:30-8:00-8:30-9:30-10:00-10:30. Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) Fri and Sat 10:05, 10:45, 12:45, 1:45, 3:30, 5:00, 6:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:30, 12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:05-10:45-12:45-1:45-3:30-5:00-6:15-7:45-9:15-10:30. Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH IN 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 11:50, 2:50, 5:45, 8:20, 10:55. RealD 3D; Sun 11:50-2:50-5:45-8:20. RealD 3D

AMC Neshaminy 24
215-396-8050
Route 1 and Bristol Rd.
ARGO (R) Fri and Sat 9:35, 12:35, 3:25, 6:25, 9:20, 12:10. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:35-12:35-3:25-6:25-9:20. Digital Presentation
CLOUD ATLAS (R) 4:05. Digital Presentation
FLIGHT (R) Fri and Sat 10:35, 1:55, 3:40, 5:10, 7:05, 8:35, 10:20, 11:50. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:35-1:55-3:40-5:10-7:05-8:35-10:15. Digital Presentation
HERE COMES THE BOOM (PG) Fri 10:35. Digital Presentation; Sat 10:45-10:35. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:45-10:25. Digital Presentation
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (PG) 10:40, 1:10. Digital Presentation
JAB TAK HAI JAAN (NR) 10:35, 2:20, 6:05, 9:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
LINCOLN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:30, 12:25, 2:00, 4:00, 5:30, 7:35, 9:00, 11:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:20-12:25-2:00-4:00-5:30-7:35-9:00. Digital Presentation
THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (R) Fri 2:20, 9:40. Digital Presentation; Sat 2:20-7:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 2:20-9:40. Digital Presentation
PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 (R) Fri 4:50, 12:10. Digital Presentation; Sat 4:45. Digital Presentation; Sun 4:50. Digital Presentation
THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER (PG-13) 1:20, 7:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THE SESSIONS (R) Fri 10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:25, 12:00. Digital Presentation; Sat 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:25-12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:50-1:30-4:10-6:50-9:25. Digital Presentation
SILENT HILL: REVELATION 3D (R) 10:05. RealD 3D
SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R) Fri and Sat 9:30, 10:20, 11:20, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:30-10:20-11:20-12:30-1:30-2:30-3:30-4:30-5:30-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30-10:20. Digital Presentation
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:15, 11:25, 12:10, 1:45, 3:00, 3:45, 5:20, 6:20, 7:15, 8:45, 9:55, 10:45, 12:15. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15-11:25-12:10-1:45-3:00-3:45-5:20-6:20-7:15-8:45-9:55-10:30. Digital Presentation
SKYFALL: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:30, 12:55, 4:30, 8:00, 11:30. Digital Presentation;IMAX; Sun 9:30-12:55-4:30-8:00. Digital Presentation;IMAX
TAKEN 2 (PG-13) Fri 12:00, 7:10. Digital Presentation; Sat 12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 12:00-7:10. Digital Presentation
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:15, 1:00, 1:30, 2:05, 2:45, 3:15, 4:00, 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 9:45, 10:00, 11:00, 11:45, 12:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-10:30-11:00-11:30-12:15-1:00-1:30-2:05-2:45-3:15-4:00-4:30-5:15-6:00-6:30-7:00-7:45-8:30-9:15-9:45-10:00-10:35. Digital Presentation
UFC 154: ST-PIERRE VS. CONDIT (NR) Sat 10:00
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) Fri and Sat 9:40, 11:05, 12:30, 2:10, 3:30, 5:00, 6:15, 8:05, 9:10, 11:05, 12:05. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:40-11:05-12:30-2:10-3:30-5:00-6:15-8:05-9:10. Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH IN 3D (PG) 10:10, 1:05, 4:15, 7:10. RealD 3D

AMC Plymouth Meeting Mall 12
888-AMC-4FUN
Next to Plymouth Meeting Mall
FLIGHT (R) 12:30, 1:10, 3:30, 6:20, 7:20, 10:30. Digital Presentation
THE SESSIONS (R) 10:20, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45. Digital Presentation
SKYFALL (PG-13) 10:10, 11:20, 12:25, 1:30, 2:40, 3:45, 4:40, 5:50, 6:55, 8:00, 9:05, 10:10. Digital Presentation
TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 10:50, 4:05, 9:20. Digital Presentation
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:00, 10:40, 11:40, 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:00, 4:50, 5:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:40, 8:30, 9:15, 10:00, 10:45. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-10:40-11:40-12:15-1:00-1:45-2:30-3:15-4:00-4:50-5:30-6:15-7:00-7:40-8:30-9:15-10:00. Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 10:30, 1:20, 4:15, 6:45, 9:30. Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH IN 3D (PG) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20. RealD 3D

AMC Woodhaven 10
888-AMC-4FUN
Route 13, near I-95 and Woodhaven Road exit
FLIGHT (R) Fri and Sat 10:20, 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:55. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:20-1:20-4:30-7:40. Digital Presentation
LINCOLN (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:30, 12:45, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45; Sun 9:30-12:45-4:15-7:30.
PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 (R) Fri and Sat 11:40, 1:50, 4:05, 6:15, 8:30, 10:50; Sun 11:40-1:50-4:05-6:15-8:30.
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:30, 3:35, 6:40, 9:45; Fri and Sat 10:30-1:40-4:50-8:15-10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:30-1:40-4:50-8:15. Digital Presentation; Sun 12:30-3:35-6:40.
TAKEN 2 (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:30, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30; Sun 11:30-2:15-4:40-7:15.
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00; Fri and Sat 10:00-12:00-1:00-3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-8:45-10:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00.; Sun 10:00-12:00-1:00-3:00-4:00-6:00-7:00-8:45. Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 9:45, 2:45, 7:45. Digital Presentation
WRECK-IT RALPH IN 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 12:15, 5:15, 11:15. RealD 3D; Sun 12:15-5:15. RealD 3D

Bryn Mawr Film Institute
610-527-9898
824 West Lancaster Avenue
THE FLAT (HA-DIRA) (NR) Fri and Sat 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sun 5:00-7:00.
LOONEY TUNES SHORTS (NR) Sat 11:00
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: TIMON OF ATHENS (NR) Sun 1:00
THE SESSIONS (R) Fri and Sat 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sun 1:30-4:15-7:15.

Clearview's Anthony Wayne
610-225-0980
109 West Lancaster Avenue
ARGO (R) Fri 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Sat and Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:45.
HERE COMES THE BOOM (PG) Fri 4:30, 7:30, 9:50; Sat and Sun 1:15-4:30-7:30-9:50.
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat and Sun 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00.
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) Fri 3:45, 6:45, 9:30; Sat and Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30.
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) Fri 4:15, 9:30. Digital Projection; Sat and Sun 1:30-4:15-9:30. Digital Projection
WRECK-IT RALPH IN 3D (PG) 6:45

Clearview's Bala Theatre
610-668-4695
157 Bala Avenue
LINCOLN (PG-13) Fri 3:30, 6:30, 9:30. Digital Projection; Sat 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30. Digital Projection; Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30. Digital Projection
THE OTHER SON (LE FILS DE L'AUTRE) (PG-13) Fri 3:45, 6:45, 9:35; Sat 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:35.; Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45.
PITCH PERFECT (PG-13) Fri 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sat 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:40.; Sun 1:00-4:00-7:00.

Hiway Theatre
215-886-9800
212 Old York Road
ARGO (R) Fri 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45.; Sun 1:30-4:15-7:00.

Narberth Stadium 2
610-667-0115
129 North Narberth Avenue
ARGO (R) Fri 4:10, 7:20, 10:15. DLP-Digital Projection; Sat 1:00-4:10-7:20-10:15. DLP-Digital Projection; Sun 1:00-4:10-7:20. DLP-Digital Projection
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri 3:50, 7:00, 10:10. DLP-Digital Projection; Sat 12:40-3:50-7:00-10:10. DLP-Digital Projection; Sun 12:40-3:50-7:00. DLP-Digital Projection

Regal Marketplace 24
800-326-3264 341
180 Mill Road
ARGO (R) 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:35, 10:35
CLOUD ATLAS (R) 10:55, 2:35
FLIGHT (R) 12:05, 12:50, 4:10, 7:25, 9:40, 10:45
HERE COMES THE BOOM (PG) 11:35
JAB TAK HAI JAAN (NR) 1:40, 5:30, 6:15, 9:10, 9:55
LINCOLN (PG-13) 12:25, 12:55, 3:45, 4:15, 7:10, 7:50, 10:30, 11:05
THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER (PG-13) 12:30, 3:05
PITCH PERFECT (PG-13) 11:25, 2:10, 4:55
THE SESSIONS (R) 12:15, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:15
SINISTER (R) Fri 9:15; Sun 9:15.
SKYFALL (PG-13) 10:10, 11:30, 12:10, 12:40, 1:30, 2:50, 3:30, 4:05, 4:50, 6:10, 6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 9:20, 10:10, 10:50, 11:30
SON OF SARDAAR (NR) 11:50, 3:15, 6:25, 9:45
TAKEN 2 (PG-13) 9:05
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) Fri and Sat 8:20, 8:40, 9:00, 10:00, 10:20, 10:40, 11:00, 11:20, 11:40, 12:00; Fri and Sat 10:00-10:20-11:00-12:00-12:20-1:00-1:20-2:00-2:20-3:00-3:20-3:40-4:00-4:20-5:00-5:20-5:40-6:00-6:20-6:40-7:00-7:20-7:40-8:00.; Sun 10:00-10:20-11:00-12:00-12:20-1:00-1:20-2:00-2:20-3:00-3:20-3:40-4:00-4:20-5:00-5:20-5:40-6:00-6:20-6:40-7:00-7:20-7:40-8:00.; Sun 8:20-8:40-9:00-10:00-10:20-10:40-11:00-11:20-11:40.
UFC 154: ST-PIERRE VS. CONDIT (NR) Sat 10:00
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 10:30, 11:45, 1:10, 2:30, 3:50, 5:10, 6:30, 7:45, 10:25
WRECK-IT RALPH IN 3D (PG) 11:05, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:50

Regal Plymouth Meeting 10
800-326-3264 335
1011 W Ridge Pike
ALEX CROSS (PG-13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10. CC-Closed Captions
ARGO (R) 12:50, 4:10, 6:50, 7:20, 9:50, 10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
FRANKENWEENIE (PG) 12:20, 3:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
HERE COMES THE BOOM (PG) Fri and Sat 12:10, 3:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 12:10-3:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (PG) 1:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LINCOLN (PG-13) 12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (R) 1:20, 4:50, 7:50, 10:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER (PG-13) 12:40, 3:50, 6:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
SEVEN PSYCHOPATHS (R) 1:00, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55. CC-Closed Captions

Ritz 5 Movies
215-925-7900
214 Walnut Street
A LATE QUARTET (R) Fri 4:55, 7:20, 9:40; Sat and Sun 12:10-2:35-4:55-7:20-9:40.
LINCOLN (PG-13) Fri 12:20, 1:15, 2:15, 3:40, 4:45, 6:00, 7:05, 8:00, 9:10; Sat and Sun 12:20-1:15-2:15-3:40-4:45-6:00-7:05-8:00-9:10.
A ROYAL AFFAIR (EN KONGELIG AFFAERE) (R) Fri 1:00, 5:05, 8:15; Sat and Sun 1:00-5:05-8:15.

Ritz East
215-925-7900
2nd Street between Walnut and Chestnut
THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER (PG-13) Fri 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sat and Sun 1:30-4:00-7:00-9:30.
THE SESSIONS (R) Fri 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Sat and Sun 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45-10:00.

Ritz at the Bourse
215-925-7900
400 Ranstead Street
BROOKLYN CASTLE (PG) Fri 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 9:50; Sat and Sun 1:15-4:15-7:20-9:50.
THE FLAT (HA-DIRA) (NR) Fri 1:00, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:50; Sat and Sun 1:00-3:15-5:25-7:35-9:50.
THE HOUSE I LIVE IN (NR) 1:10, 7:05
THE OTHER SON (LE FILS DE L'AUTRE) (PG-13) 3:50, 9:35
THIS MUST BE THE PLACE (R) Fri 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sat and Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:40.
WAKE IN FRIGHT (R) Fri 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sat and Sun 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45.

Roxy Theatre Philadelphia
215-923-6699
2023 Sansom Street
CALL THEATER FOR SCHEDULE.

The Pearl Theatre at Avenue North
215-763-7700
1600 North Broad Street
ALEX CROSS (PG-13) 3:10, 7:40
FLIGHT (R) Fri and Sat 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30, 11:40; Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30.
THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (R) 12:50, 5:20, 10:00
PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 (R) 2:30, 7:20
SILENT HILL: REVELATION (R) 5:00, 9:40
SILENT HILL: REVELATION 3D (R) 12:10
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:00, 3:20, 6:40, 10:00, 11:40; Sun 12:00-3:20-6:40-10:00.
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00, 12:00, 12:30; Sun 12:00-1:00-2:30-4:00-5:00-7:00-7:30-9:30-10:00.
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) Fri and Sat 12:00, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20, 12:20; Sun 12:00-4:50-7:10-9:20.
WRECK-IT RALPH IN 3D (PG) 2:30

Tuttleman IMAX Theater - Franklin Institute
215-448-1111
20th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
ROCKY MOUNTAIN EXPRESS (G) Fri 10:15, 2:15; Sat and Sun 12:15-2:15.
SKYFALL: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 3:15, 5:50, 8:25, 10:55
TITANICA (1995) (NR) Fri 11:15, 1:15; Sat and Sun 10:15-11:15-1:15.

UA Grant Plaza 9
800-326-3264 651
1619 Grant Avenue - Grant Plaza 2 Shopping Center
ARGO (R) 11:20, 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
FLIGHT (R) 12:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (PG) 10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LINCOLN (PG-13) 12:30, 3:50, 7:10, 9:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS (R) 10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
SKYFALL (PG-13) 10:50, 12:05, 2:00, 4:05, 5:10, 7:20, 8:20, 10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 2 (PG-13) 10:45, 11:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:20, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Fri 10:00-10:30-11:00-11:30-12:00-12:30-1:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sat 10:00-10:30-11:00-11:30-12:00-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:30-3:00-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:00-5:30-6:00-6:30-7:00-7:30-8:00-8:30-9:00-9:30-10:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 10:00-10:30-11:00-11:30-12:00-12:30-1:00-1:30-2:00-2:30-3:00-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:00-5:30-6:00-6:30-7:00-7:30-8:00-8:30-9:00-9:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
WRECK-IT RALPH (PG) 1:40, 6:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
WRECK-IT RALPH IN 3D (PG) 11:05, 4:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

UA King of Prussia Stadium 16
800-326-3264 644
Located on Mall Boulevard across from The Plaza King of Prussia
ARGO (R) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
CLOUD ATLAS (R) Fri 11:10, 6:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sat 6:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 11:10-6:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
FLIGHT (R) 12:20, 3:50, 7:40, 10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LINCOLN (PG-13) 11:40, 3:20, 7:10, 10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
PITCH PERFECT (PG-13) Fri 9:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sat 12:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 9:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE SESSIONS (R) 10:10, 12:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
SKYFALL (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:20, 11:50, 12:45, 2:45, 3:15, 4:10, 6:10, 6:45, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20, 11:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service; Sun 11:20-11:50-12:45-2:45-3:15-4:10-6:10-6:45-7:45-9:50-10:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Elizabeth Hurley has very helpful followers, Lance Armstrong is taking it easy, Jonah Hill is busy writing and Sarah Silverman is tired of the double standard.

@ElizabethHurley
Thanku for humidifying tips!

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Back in Austin and just layin' around...

@JonahHill
Thanks for all the 21 Jump Street love. We're working on the sequel. It's so cool to work on it knowing people dug the 1st one.

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When a woman doesn't wanna get married she's a weirdo, when a man doesn't wanna get married he's George Clooney

Elizabeth Hurley

THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Rihanna: 'Let's get drunk!'

One thing that quickly becomes clear when riding on an airplane with **Rihanna** is that one of her favorite words is the F-word.

"Hello, f—ing 777! Who is ready for Mexico? Who is ready for tequila?" she calls over the speaker system.

That she likes to party is no secret either. She concludes her welcome greeting with a "Let's get drunk!"

The pop star then serves true bubbly from a golden bottle into plastic cups, handing them out left and right to fans and journalists when walking down the center aisle of the private jet that is taking us to seven cities in seven days. The star and her entourage sit in business class, but now she is walking past our video cameras and iPhones, a tiny figure in a black top, shades and gold jewelry. The short hair — a cut made on impulse — now has long extensions. She offers a hand to some, blows some kisses and is happy to pose for pictures. The love for her fans is genuine.

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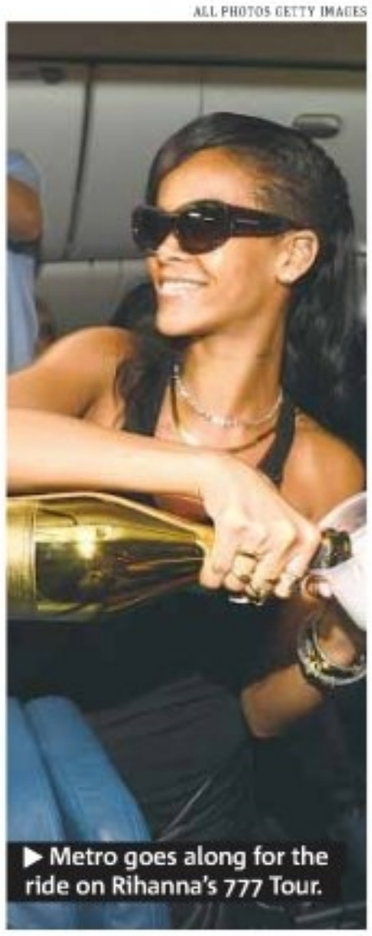
▶ Metro goes along for the ride on Rihanna's 777 Tour.

Journalists and fans from five continents and more than 30 countries are on the plane. Takeoff is two hours late and the scheduled press conference is cancelled. Rihanna seems to be the only one who knows what's going to happen next.

"This is what my life looks like. You better like it," she hollers at her fans on the plane before returning to business class.

Jesper Melin, a 23-year-old plumber from Stockholm, is one of the lucky fans onboard. He was snoozing when Rihanna came past his seat.

"Are you asleep, baby? Here, have some champagne," she said to him.

Jesper's friend **Daniel Thunell**, a 22-year-old tinsmith, said hello to the superstar.

"It feels unreal and great. I took her hand; it was small and warm," he says.

Katarina Matsson/Metro Sweden

Miranda Lambert: Hot husband and Velveeta cheese

When we chatted up **Miranda Lambert** on Wednesday night in NYC, she didn't even know that her hubby, **Blake Shelton**, had made this year's list of People magazine's sexiest men alive. But nevertheless, she was quick to vouch for his hotness, spilling to us when she finds him at his peak of sexiness.

"I like it when he's home being country," she tells Metro. "Like when he's on his tractor, in his camo. He's a frustrated farmer at heart. He's a great 'Voice' coach, he's a great singer, but he really wants to be a farmer. He would be a farmer in the woods, in the camo all the time, being a country boy — that's when he's the hottest to me."

And since the couple served venison they hunted themselves at their wedding last year, we had to wonder if they'd do the meat-killing for this year's Thanksgiving.

"Oh, probably not," she tells us. "We'll probably buy a roasted turkey from the store just like everybody else. My specialty is the green bean casserole: I use cream of mushroom soup and my secret ingredient is Velveeta. I know it's processed cheese and all that, but it melts."

Reporting by Meredith Engel

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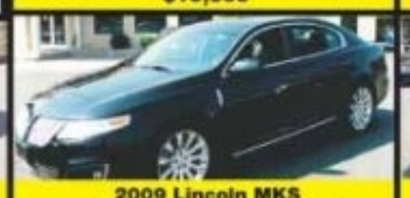
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Sam Sifton talks turkey

Sam Sifton has had one doozy of a November. As the national editor of the New York Times, he's overseen the election, Hurricane Sandy and the Petraeus scandal all in the past two weeks. And as the author of the new book "Thanksgiving: How to Cook it Well," he's also had to expound on how to handle various gravy dilemmas.

"It's a little bit like being in a centrifuge," he says about tackling his day job as well as the publication of his second book. "The last couple of weeks of going back and forth between the elections, Sandy and troubled cranberry sauce has been fascinating."

But for the purposes of this article, Sifton — who, before becoming the national editor was the Times' food critic and one-man Thanksgiving helpline for panicked readers — is talking turkey. "I wanted to lay out the basics of how to make this holiday work. I wanted to remove some of the stress that people feel cooking it, hosting it and attending it," he says about "Thanksgiving," an immensely readable how-to guide on the epicurean holiday.

In order to pull off the best Thanksgiving to date, Sifton says to stay away from the siren call of the latest Thanksgiving Day trends.

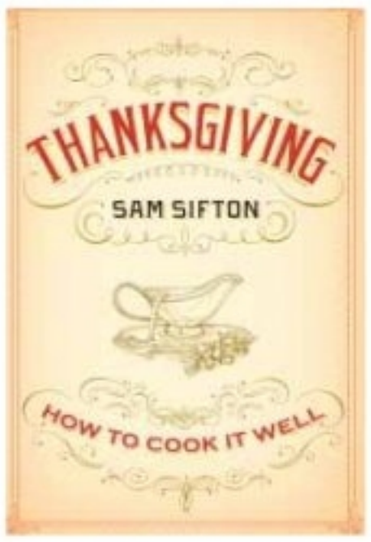
"It makes me out to be something of a culinary conservative that I make this argument for a traditional Thanksgiving," he notes. "The fact of the matter is people in the media always need to provide the shiny, glittery new thing: Here's a new side dish. Here's a new way to cook the turkey. The argument of my book is to say, 'Hey, whoa: Let's make the turkey right. Let's make terrific mashed potatoes. Make a perfect cranberry sauce. Declare that we can make brussels sprouts so delicious that even the kids will eat them and cream our onions until they're perfect. You can put together a terrific Thanksgiving meal. Do not freak out.'"

Feeling uplifted? Hopeful that you can pull this off? Good. Because on Thursday, you do not want to be distracted by gifts. You do not want fireworks and radical turkeys.

For your Thanksgiving, all you should aim for, says Sifton, is to "cook it well."

SOO-JEONG KANG

▶ After reading the calm yet uplifting "Thanksgiving" you'd probably not only follow Sifton into the kitchen, but into war as well.



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Thanksgiving recipe

Basic cranberry sauce

Cranberry sauce should be sweet but not cloying, and tart without causing pucker and anguish. It should have a jelly-like quality, but should owe more to the appearance of jam.

The key element to making cranberry sauce is to understand that cranberries are high in pectin, a carbohydrate that exists in many fruits and which is released by the berries when they are heated and the cells of the fruit break down. In the presence of sugar, which we add to cranberry sauce to offset its tanginess and acid, which is why the berries are tangy in the first place, the pectin molecules bond to one another, forming a kind of gel. The longer you cook a cranberry sauce, the more pectin is released and liquid is evaporated, and the stiffer the result will be.

Science! Sometimes it's helpful. So is spice. Some like a clove or two added to their cranberry sauce. (I am not one of them.) Others, a whisper of ginger and a small handful of nuts, for texture. Of this, I approve.

Ingredients:

1 12-ounce bag fresh or thawed frozen cranberries
¾ cup sugar
¾ cup orange juice, preferably freshly squeezed
Zest of orange, to taste

Directions:

1 Place cranberries in a small saucepan over medium-high heat and pour over these the sugar and orange juice. Stir to combine.

2 Cook until sugar is entirely melted and cranberries begin to burst in the heat, four to six minutes. Stir again, add zest, and cook for two or three minutes longer, turn off heat, cover pan and allow to cool.

3 Put cranberry mixture in a serving bowl, cover and place in refrigerator until cold — at least two hours, or until you need it.

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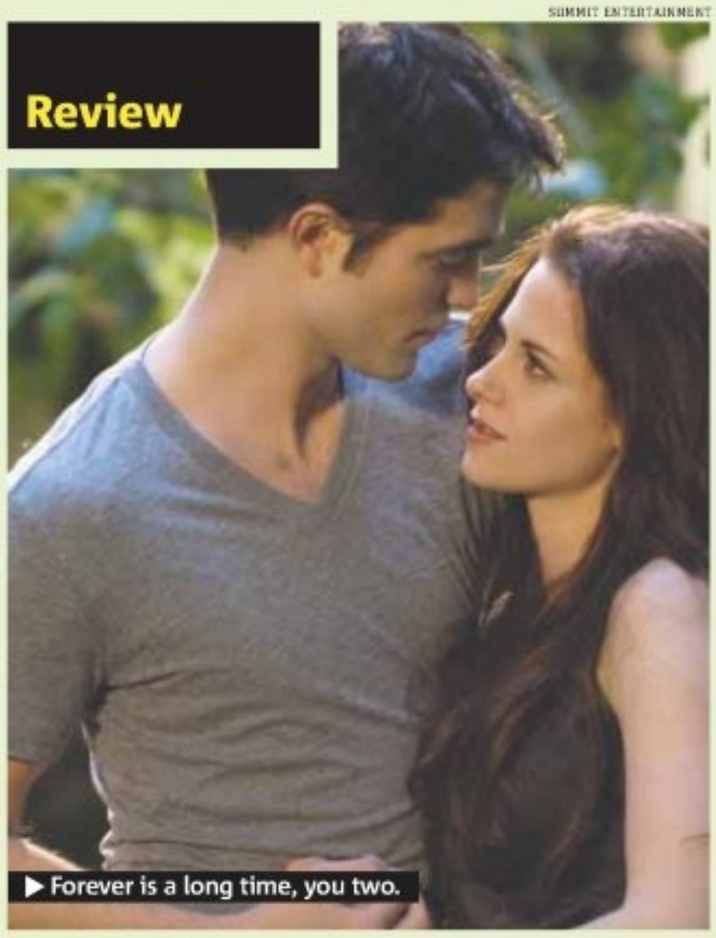


▶ Forever is a long time, you two.

Goodnight, 'Twilight'

'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2'
Director: Bill Condon
Cast: Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart, Taylor Lautner
Rating: PG-13
Grade: ●●●○○

As the fifth and final film in the "Twilight" series, "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2" is a film that owns its campy charm. While all due respects are paid to the ardent fans who consumed the books with the seriousness of any respectable fanatic, there's also a nod of admission to the ridiculousness of its premise. Whether it's Jacob (Taylor Lautner) attempting to explain that he is now soul mates with a baby or Aro (Michael Sheen) and his impression of Dr. Evil coming just short of thoughtfully pressing a pinky finger to his pursed lips, director Bill Condon and his actors are clearly in on the joke. And the fans seem to gleefully anticipate the film's most corniest moments. We've grown so used to it that we've come to want it to be delightfully bad.

Now, to explain a bit about the plot: We find our heroine Bella to be a newly christened vampire, having been turned by husband Edward when their human-vampire baby broke her back while in labor. Soon, the Volturi (evil overlords of all vampires globally) are incorrectly informed that the Cullens have illegally created an immortal child. And so the Cullens assemble an international team of vamp friends to help them when the Volturi come calling.

As with the book, this random cast of new characters feels like a desperate attempt at filler, with author Stephanie Meyer likely aware of the fact that readers might be a bit tired of the plaintive gazes between her two lead characters. The special effects are as uniformly bad as they always were, which only heightens the giggle factor. The most refreshing aspect of the film may be that with her character's transition into a vampire, Kristen Stewart is no longer playing the kind of clumsy, stuttering wuss she is always mocked for passing off as "serious acting." Here, she is a poised adult in control of her faculties. And while we won't give anything away, we can say that the film does deviate from the novel in a way that is entirely satisfying for even the most stringent purists.

While so many negative things have been said about all of these movies, the argument that these actors and actresses weren't right for their parts has long been abandoned. For better or worse, the series has become a cultural icon, with all its flaws celebrated.

HEIDI PATALANO

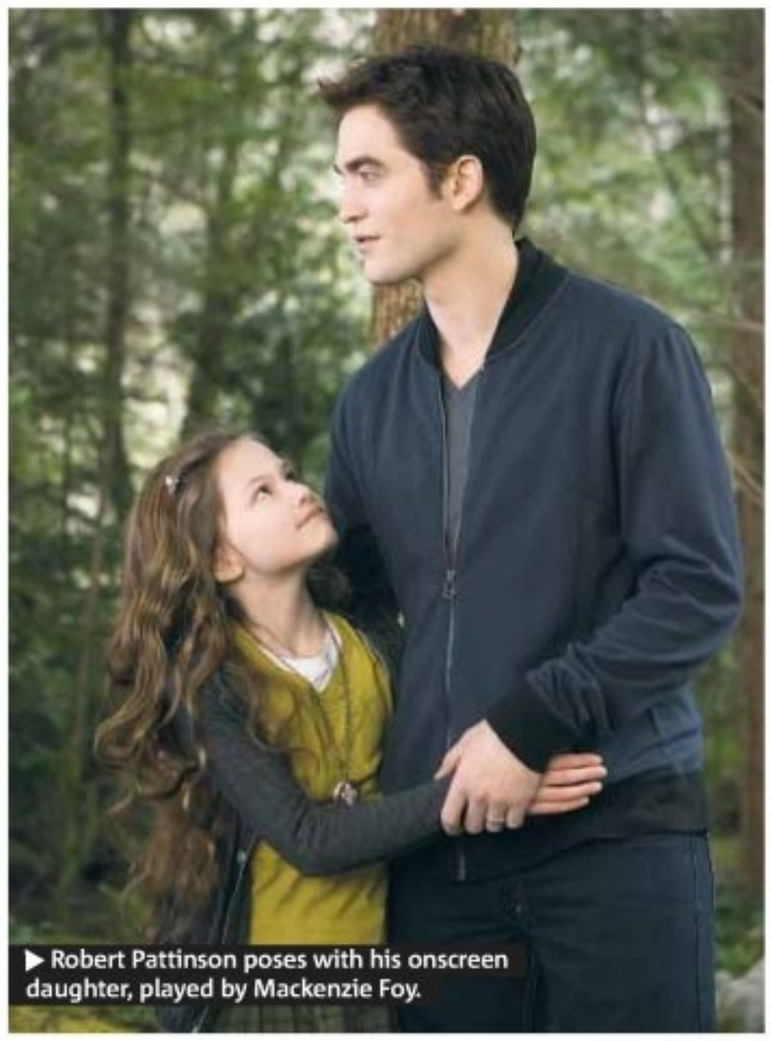
THE END OF 'TWILIGHT'

With the incredibly popular saga coming to an end, the actor talks about the new roles that he can actually sink his teeth into

Starring as Edward Cullen, the moody vampire at the center of the "Twilight" series, Robert Pattinson has achieved worldwide stardom — something that doesn't sit well with the British actor. "I have a weird mental disorder where the only thing I can ever hear is the negative stuff," he tells us. "It doesn't matter how many people say anything complimentary, it's always the negative."

You can't blame him. This summer, the 26 year-old was at the center of some pretty negative headlines: His girlfriend and co-star Kristen Stewart reportedly cheated on him with her "Snow White" director Rupert Sanders. Are they on? Off? Rather than obsess about it, Pattinson would rather focus on his career after this last film in the series, "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2."

Of his fame, he says: "Maybe I feel like I don't particularly deserve it yet, so I really want to do something worthwhile in my head and struggle for a long time."



▶ Robert Pattinson poses with his onscreen daughter, played by Mackenzie Foy.

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"Yeah, definitely. I mean, I don't know why I wouldn't. I've already done five of them. It's not like, 'Six? I can't do six. That's crazy!'"

ROBERT PATTINSON, ON WHETHER OR NOT HE'D MAKE MORE TWILIGHT FILMS

What drives him

As evidenced by recent choices — including David Cronenberg's challenging "Cosmopolis," which featured him getting a prostate exam — he's not afraid of risk. "I signed up for a lot of stuff in the last year. I was really fixated on working with a lot of people who are kind of dangerous," he says. "The business part of show business has really just taken a big s— on the show aspect of it, and so I think anyone who has any visibility should be trying to do something that is really, really subversive. I think it would be interesting trying to get really subversive stuff into the mainstream. You're in the cinema not just as a consumer but as a participant."

It's that sensibility that led him to sign up for the lead in "Mission: Blacklist," a film to be made in Iraq next year. "That's probably out of anybody's comfort zone," Pattinson offers of the film, which is based on a true story. "It's about this guy call Eric Maddox who was an Army interrogator who almost single-handedly found Saddam Hussein. No one really knows the story of it, and the story's absolutely amazing and kind of hilarious in some ways and bizarre."

Comfort zones

That project teams Pattinson with French director Jean-Stephane Sauvaire, who used real Liberian child soldiers for his last film. "I think that's like his thing," says Pattinson. "I wanted him to be in his comfort zone, so we were both pushing, saying we need to shoot this in Iraq — that's the whole point."

You can tell where his passions lie by the fact that, during this interview, the actor talks more about "Mission: Blacklist" than "Twilight." But promotion for "Breaking Dawn - Part 2" must be done. The story finds his Edward and Stewart's Bella protecting their child from killer vampires. It's already predicted to be the highest-grossing effort in the series. And the actor is busy lining up another high-profile project, lest he lose his ability to get the riskier ones made. "This year I'm thinking I should probably try to do a movie which at least one person will see," he says, "so I'm trying to figure that out now."

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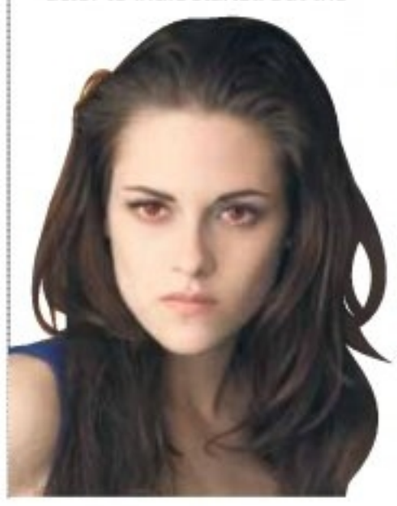
KStew speaks

Kristen Stewart would do it all again.

Before the "Twilight" series, Kristen Stewart was making a quiet transition from child actor to indie starlet. But the surprise smash vampire series changed all that. And after everything that's happened, both good and bad, would Stewart do it all over again? "Yeah, definitely. Yes," she says emphatically.



That doesn't mean she isn't happy to see the franchise go.

"I'm so happy and relieved to not have to be worrying about the characters anymore," Stewart says. "I feel like 'relieved' sounds wrong, because at the same time as soon as that worry is taken off your back you definitely miss it, because it was ingrained in us for five years. There was never a time, even if we were working on a project in between, where that character wasn't tapping you on the shoulder going, 'You're going to get married in three years.'"

food

A smoking hot Thanksgiving

Hot chef

▶ Smoked turkey and all the fixings are on Percy Street's takeout menu.

JASON VARNEY

If there's one thing that chef Erin O'Shea seems to love, it's staying busy — no matter the special occasion. The pitmaster and co-owner of Percy Street Barbecue just celebrated her restaurant's third birthday with a party that included live music, killer barbecue and, of course, a birthday cake. While the restaurant is closed on Thanksgiving, O'Shea will be busy whipping up Southern-style takeaway feasts — starring smoked turkey — for lucky customers.

How have you seen South Street change over the last three years?
It keeps evolving and attracting a really cool group of people. There's Hot Diggity, Brauhaus and Supper. Not all of that was here when we moved in. We're developing a nice community here.

The big question: How many turkeys will you have to make for Thanksgiving?
At least 50.

After all that, do you go home and cook a holiday meal?
Fortunately, I go to my mother's, and she knows that I'm making a ton of dinners. She's super sweet. I'll get to her place and she'll throw me on the couch and tell me not to move.

Do you find that a lot of places are open on Thanksgiving?
I feel like there are more places staying open, like chains and hotel places. Supper, too — they're open. They do a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner. They've created traditions around that, which is cool.

Do you have any Philly traditions that you do?
You know, I can't say that there's any major thing that I have to make sure happens for me each year. I just try to work really hard — that's my tradition.

▶ Percy Street pitmaster and co-owner Erin O'Shea

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When Thin Mints meet happy hour

What we're drinking this week: Crave Chocolate Mint, a new liqueur whose siblings include Chocolate Cherry and Chocolate Chili bottles.

What it smells like: You're raiding your parents' liquor cabinet for the first time and you just hit the jackpot. Truth or dare, Peach Schnapps, AOL Instant Messenger: It's all coming back to you now.

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What it tastes like: Girl Scout cookies gone wild. This is the 30-proof Thin Mint your girls' weekend was missing — if not the rest of the world.

Drink it with: You could sip this one on the rocks — it has a surprisingly nice creaminess to it. But of course, it was made for creating fluffy cocktails, and you really shouldn't deny a trendy liqueur its birthright. Use it to kick up a White Russian, or get crafty with the Mint Mocha Martini (at right).

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Cocktail of the week

The Mint Mocha Martini

WHAT'S IN IT
- 1 part Crave Chocolate Mint liqueur
- 1 part Kamora Coffee liqueur
- 1 part EFFEN Vodka

HOW TO MAKE IT
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The blue boss, same as the red boss

RE: "GOP'S FOCUS CAUSE OF WANDERING FLOCK" (METRO, NOV. 14) Letter writer Rich Brittle says "Romney received 2 million fewer votes than McCain did in 2008." When I Googled the numbers, Romney received only 800,000 votes fewer than did McCain in 2008.

More importantly, he neglects to mention that Obama received more than 7 million fewer votes now than in 2008 — which makes his argument moot.

In addition, the false assumptions that Republicans are silver spooners and Democrats are working men is simply untrue. It is what the Democrats have brainwashed you to believe. The wealthiest zip codes in America, including in New York City and Los Angeles, are predominantly inhabited by Democrats. Obama has raised millions from N.Y. dinners that cost $30,000 a plate. I hardly think a working man can afford that.

SHOSHANA ROSE, VIA E-MAIL

Everyone's pockets needed to make numbers add up

RE: "YOU WANTED IT – NOW YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP THE AGREEMENT" (METRO, NOV. 15) Letter writer Barbara Milusski says that people making over $250,000 need to stick to their agreement to let their tax rates rise after 10 (now 12) years. But why does she not think that people making under $250,000 need to stick to the same agreement? And is she aware that 80 percent of the benefit of the Bush tax cuts accrues to people making less than $250,000? The only way to restore fiscal sanity is for taxes to rise for ALL Americans.

WALTER BRANSON, VIA E-MAIL

Romney's error: Just being himself

Governor Romney has been quoted as saying that President Obama won with "gifts" to blacks, Hispanics and young voters. Indeed, some voters were influenced by social programs. However, many such voters aren't black, Hispanic or young, and some don't live in large cities either. Yes, we can't afford all our social programs. But a ticket with Paul Ryan on it was just too much for a moderate Republican like me. So, I had no choice but to vote for the president. I'm afraid the governor's comment reflects his true character. And that's at least one reason why he failed to attract a portion of the electorate who might have otherwise supported him.

WALT PETERS, VIA E-MAIL

One has to feel for Mitt Romney, surrounded by a bunch of yes-men telling him what he wanted to hear instead of what he should have heard preventing him from acting accordingly. Imagine working hard, dedicating your life to your vocation, struggling and enduring and still not getting the results desired? Now Mr. Romney knows how the other half lives, we the 47 percent — dare I say 99 percent — who work hard and still fall through the cracks. Capitalism, like life in general, offers NO GUARANTEES!

DAVID DIBELLO, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Although you might be the recipient of an interesting proposal, in order to take advantage of it you might have to disengage from a commitment.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Even though your compassionate nature urges you to make a loan to a friend who is a poor prospect, it would be better for you to follow your less generous, more pragmatic instincts.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Try not to get impatient with some friends who are not living up to your expectations. Things will get better eventually, so bite the bullet.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You could find yourself in a ticklish position where you'll be eager to reveal something that was told to you in strict confidence. Others will respect you more if you keep your trap shut.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you want to do something that is a trifle expensive and you have the money to do it, that's well and good. Just don't borrow what you don't have.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Although you'll expect others to live up to their words, you might not feel the necessity for you to do the same. Life should be a give-and-take situation, not a lopsided arrangement.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It is more important than usual to keep pace with your duties and responsibilities. If you should fall behind, you'll quickly discover how extremely difficult it is to catch up.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** The very people you don't count on will be the ones who are likely to step forward and support you in your endeavors. Those upon whom you usually rely might not lift a finger.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It isn't advisable for you to seek advice from too many different people. Unfortunately, all that might do is make it difficult to discern the good counsel from the bad.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you are hawking something that requires a sales pitch, it's imperative that you know when to call a halt to your presentation. There's a chance that you could talk yourself out of a deal.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't ignore your better judgment and common sense when you are trying to make a bargain. If you pay more for something than you should, it's apt to be your fault.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Your financial aspects are exceptionally good, making it a juicy time to do something profitable, even if you unconsciously strew your path with unnecessary obstacles.

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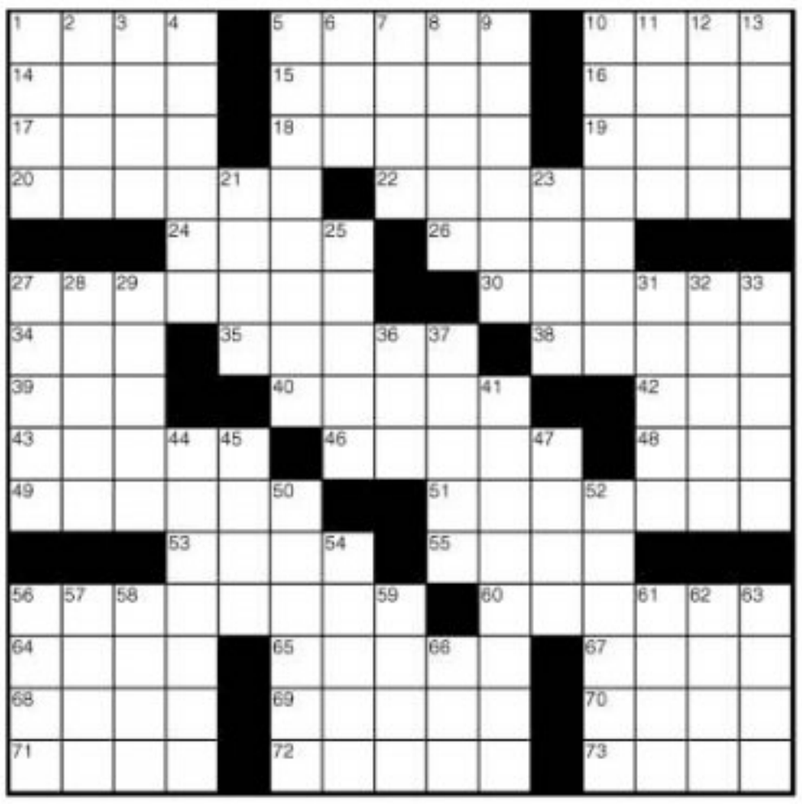

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Solution to Thursday's crossword

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Eagles going back to college to stop RG3, Washington

Birds gearing up to stop run-first attack ◗ Redskins using college-style option ◗ Discipline key on defense

The Redskins play in the NFL, so naturally they are a professional football team. However, looking at their playbook this season paints the portrait of a college team. And that's exactly how they want it.

When the Redskins drafted Robert Griffin III they knew that to fully showcase his off-the-charts talent, they had to add new looks. They'll often line multiple players up in the backfield and use misdirection. The move has worked, with Washington sitting third in the NFL in rushing offense (164.6 yards per game).

"They're one of the top rushing teams in the league, so obviously they're doing something well," said linebacker DeMeco Ryans. "I know that from the clips I have seen, guys run pretty hard. Top rushing attacking, a good offensive line; they know how to get up to the second level pretty good."

Get that covered up, then Griffin III flashes the option. It's something few NFL teams have been able to run effectively. Eagles defensive coordinator Todd Bowles admitted that he hadn't seen that lively of an offense in 12 years.

"You've got to be disciplined," Bowles said. "You've got to stay in your gaps, stay in your lanes and, schematically, everybody's got to be in the same place and be on the same page at the same time."

If they turn to a different page at another time, it's going to be another grueling week for the Eagles.

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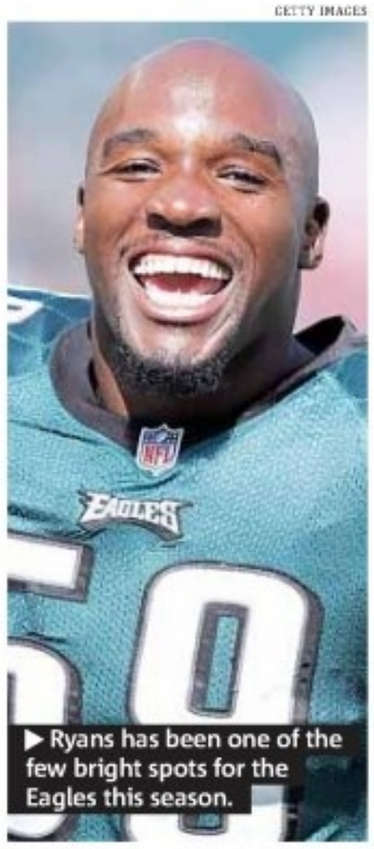

▶ Ryans has been one of the few bright spots for the Eagles this season.

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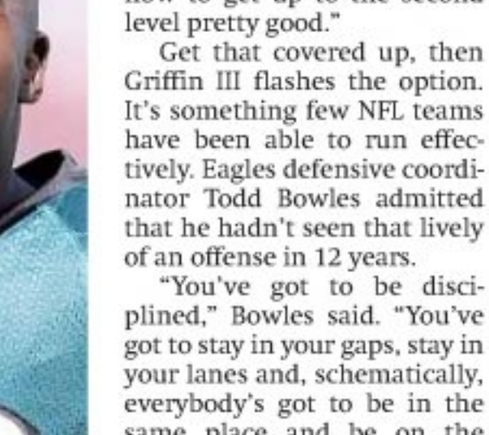

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What to watch: Birds take on rival Redskins

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▶ All eyes will be on Nick Foles Sunday as the rookie makes his first start as an NFL quarterback against Washington.

This is really the last chance (well, not mathematically) for the Eagles to save the season and contend for the NFC East title — if anyone out there still believes, cares, whatever. Anyway, here's what to look for when the Eagles travel to D.C. to take on the Redskins Sunday afternoon (1 p.m., FOX):

1 LOOK TO THE FUTURE. The hype surrounding Nick Foles reached fever pitch last week when the rookie signal-caller received a standing ovation from the Eagles' faithful. He won't get that Sunday in Washington, but all eyes will be on Foles. He looks to build off a decent job coming off the bench (22-of-32, 219 yards, TD, INT, fumble) with a full week to prepare. Foles has a great opportunity to solidify his role as the starter for the rest of this season (and potentially next year) against a Redskins' secondary that ranks 30th (2,715 yards) against the pass.

2 QUARTERBACK ON THE LOOSE. Robert Griffin III is a dual-threat (maybe a triple-threat, if Mike Shanahan decides to keep sending him out for pass routes) in the true sense of the word. The Redskins design specific option-style plays to utilize his unique skill set. Todd Bowles' defense is going to have to stay disciplined. "We've got to be able to tackle because when he gets outside the pocket, obviously, his speed takes over and he has a different gear than a lot of quarterbacks," Bowles said.

3 WHERE'S THE SPECIAL SAUCE? Bobby April accepted all the blame for breakdowns in his special teams unit. Last week, they missed an extra point, took a penalty for failing to have 11 men on the field for a field goal attempt and surrendered the go-ahead touchdown, a 78-yard punt return. (Remember, the game was tied up until to that point and the Eagles' defense seemed to be settling in.) Special teams often goes overlooked, but they really shouldn't. "If the games are close, the special teams and turnovers are going to decide the game. I believe it," April said. ● MIKE GREGER

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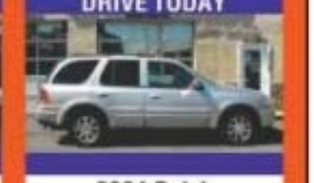
DRIVE TODAY  2004 Buick Rainier CXL
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NFL news

Tough break

Ben Roethlisberger is a tough hombre. But he's got a rare rib injury that is close to his aorta and a sprained SC joint in his throwing shoulder. We have to be prepared for an extended absence. That's awful news for Mike Wallace, Antonio Brown, Heath Miller and Emmanuel Sanders. Lead-footed backup Byron Leftwich can't get the job done.

DEADLINE DEALERS

It's deadline week in fantasy leagues across the globe. One last chance to call your buddy up, lie to his face and then swindle some studs.

When trading at this time of year, we have to consider more than raw talent. Here's what to keep in mind:

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▶ This is the perfect time to trade for Shady.

Into the depths

With bye weeks in the rear-view mirror after this week, depth is no longer a priority. We want to give up a starter and a bench player to get a beast in a 2-for-1 deal. Then we can double back and add a handcuff, protecting against injury. So, let's say we own **Robert Griffin III** and could trade **Peyton Manning/Ahmad Bradshaw** for **LeSean McCoy**. We do it and add **Bryce Brown** as insurance against injury.

Schedule for success

It's critical to think like a winner. That means being aware of the matchups in Weeks 15 and 16, also known as the money rounds. We don't want to trade for **Michael Crabtree** or **Frank Gore** because they play at New England and at Seattle in those weeks. We also want to avoid Colts, Bengals and Giants. We do want to acquire players on the Dolphins, Texans and Raiders. They have soft schedules during winning time.

Buying cheap

Of course, the most tried-and-true strategy is trading for undervalued players. Hopefully you did just that with **Calvin Johnson** last week. The aforementioned McCoy is a good target as he hasn't scored in two weeks and the Eagles are a mess. **Ryan Mathews**' role is expanding as he secures more and more trust from the staff. **Dez Bryant** and **Tony Romo** appear to be finally gaining real chemistry.

NFL pickups

Nick Foles

QB, Eagles
Foles has a big arm, a willingness to stand in the pocket and elite after-the-catch weapons. There's upside here.

Danario Alexander

WR, Chargers
DX's left knee is finally healthy and he has an every-down role ahead of Robert Meachem. He's an explosive playmaker.

NBA impressions

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We turn our attention to rookies this week:

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Sixers lacking energy, looking to turn it around against Utah

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Sixers' road record, with wins over New Orleans, Boston and Toronto. They are 1-3 at home, with a win over Denver and losses to Detroit, Milwaukee and the Knicks.

One thing is certain for the Sixers after eight games, the team is inconsistent.

Just when everyone was starting to jump back on the bandwagon, Doug Collins' group lost to winless Detroit Wednesday night, 94-76. The Sixers stand at 4-4, but the lack of energy has their coach very worried.

"The disappointing thing was the lack of energy," Collins said. "That was disappointing to me. One thing that I've always tried to pride myself on in this city is that the team we put out on the floor every night is reflective of hard work, blue collar and toughness, and last night was not one of those nights."

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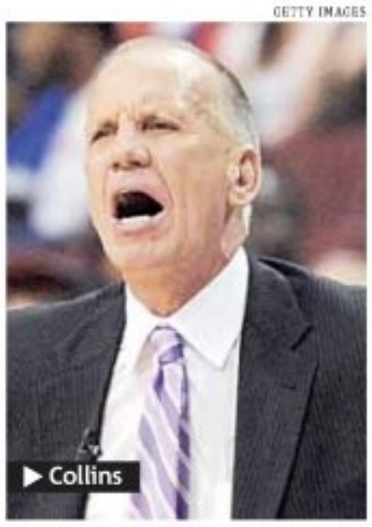

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